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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Comprehensive Child and Family Assessment (CCFA)/  
Wrap-Around (WA) Providers

**FROM:** Martha Okafor, Deputy Director  
Division of Family and Children Services  
Programs and Policy

**RE:** Coordination of Medical Services for Children in Foster Care

The purpose of this memo is to inform all Comprehensive Child and Family Assessment (CCFA)/Wrap-Around (WA) Providers of the procedures for coordinating the Health Check Screen, Psychological Evaluation and other medical services for children entering foster care. Effective June 1, 2006, all children enrolled in a Care Management Organization (CMO), when they enter foster care, must have their medical services coordinated by the CMO, until they are delinked. Once delinking (the child is disenrolled from the CMO) occurs, the child may receive medical services from any Medicaid provider.

If a child enters foster care and is in a CMO, the Social Services Case Manager (SSCM) will provide the CCFA/WA provider with the CMO contact name and telephone number. Also, the DFCS SSCM will submit a release of information to the appropriate CMO on behalf of the child. The release authorizes the CCFA/WA Provider to coordinate the Health Check Screen, Psychological Evaluation or other medical services, for the child, with the CMO.

As approved CCFA/WA providers, you are required to have a support network of medical and psychological/psychiatric providers. We urge you to encourage these individuals to enroll in any of the CMO's in their area. This will ensure that children enrolled in a CMO have continuity of medical care, if they enter foster care.

Attached is the County Letter that details policy and procedures to be followed by DFCS staff. For any concerns regarding verification of the child's Medicaid eligibility and CMO status, you may contact the child's SSCM. If you have other questions or issues, you may contact Leslie Cofield via email at [lbcofield@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:lbcofield@dhr.state.ga.us).

Thank you for your continued partnership with us in our effort to strengthen Georgia's families.

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